

State of Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Ronald B. Gordon, Jr. Executive Director

May 26, 2014

The Honorable Gary R. Herbert Governor, State of Utah State Capitol Complex 350 North State Street, Suite 200 Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Governor Herbert,

Pursuant to the direction of Jeff Packer, chair of the First District Judicial Nominating Commission, and in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 78A-10-104, I submit to you the following list of five nominees for your consideration in filling the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ben H. Hadfiled, August 15, 2014. The First District Judicial Nominating Commission received applications from interested persons, conducted background and reference checks, and interviewed selected applicants. The Commission has determined that each of the following nominees meets the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the position of judge of the District Court. The Commission has further determined that these nominees are the five most qualified applicants. Nominees are listed in alphabetical order reflecting no ranking or preference by the Commission.

Steven Combe Roger Griffin Stephen Hadfield Brandon Maynard Thomas Morgan

Please find enclosed the application materials for each of the nominees. The names of the nominees were made public by the Commission. All comments received by the Commission are attached. The Commission wishes you well in your further review of the nominees.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Gordon, Jr.

Executive Director

cc: President Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Senate

Michael E. Christensen, Director, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Dan Becker, Utah Court Administrator

Members of the First District Judicial Nominating Commission

